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The report which was drawn up by Jean Jaures, the Socialist leader, chairman of the committee, and is lacking in epithets and eloquence for which M. Jaures is famous, relates that M. Monis declared that it was the visit of M. Caillaux, former Minister of Finance, to him which made him appeal to Public Prosecutor Fabre to have the postponement granted by M. Ridauld de Fieles, president of the Correctional Court of Appeals. The divergence of the evidence given by MM. Monis and Caillaux makes it impossible to arrive at a definite decision on this point.

M. Jaures and ten members of the committee signed the report, accepting it in full; seven approved it with reserves, three voted against it and two abstained.

The report says that the intervention of M. Monis in the Rochette affair was very pressing and his authority as head of the Government at the time was the deciding point. Ministerial action in regard to the postponement of the trial, it says, can be explained without questioning the personal probity of either M. Monis or M. Caillaux, neither of whom can be held guilty of corruption or the exercise of illegal influence on behalf of the prisoner. "Nevertheless," adds the report, "their actions constitute a deplorable abuse of influence."

Both Monis and Caillaux are blamed for their evasive protestations before the first Rochette committee of inquiry in 1912. Former Premier Briand is blamed for not having enlightened that committee fully. The committee says it fails to understand how the report of Public Prosecutor Fabre was copied. It expresses regret that M. Fabre did not possess enough moral strength to resist the pressure which was brought to bear on him in favor of a postponement of the trial.

M. Maurice Barres voted against the adoption of the report, contending that the action of Monis and Caillaux lays them open to prosecution under the code and that the report is not severe enough. M. Barres says that it will permit the weak to assert that there is no punishment for the powerful politicians of France.

Inquiry Into the Murder.

Louis Barthou, formerly Premier, took the stand to-day at the preliminary investigation before Magistrate Boucard into the death of Gaston Calmette, the editor of the *Figaro*, who was killed by Mme. Caillaux.

M. Barthou testified that he had an interview with M. Calmette shortly before the latter's death, but that it had no reference to letters written by M. Caillaux, as Mme. Caillaux has testified, but was concerned solely with the report made by Public Prosecutor Fabre into the delay in the trial of Henri Rochette, the banking swindler.

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M. Vervort, a reporter for *Gil Blas*, testified that Mlle. Marie Gueydan, a painter, sister of Mme. Gueydan, told him that the latter possessed letters which placed M. Caillaux in an awkward position politically and a ridiculous one as far as his private life was concerned. The reporter said he arranged to meet Mme. Gueydan at a hotel in this city on September 15, 1911, and she showed him a bundle of letters addressed to Mme. Calmette, whose marriage to Caillaux had just been announced.

Mme. Gueydan gave the reporter the impression of still loving her husband, from whom she had just been divorced, but acting through jealousy she asked M. Vervort to arrange for the publication of the letters. He said he refused to do so and she seemed to acquiesce in the view that their publication would be impossible.

M. Viterbo, a publisher, said he sat next to Calmette at a banquet on March 14, two days before the murder, and the editor of the *Figaro* tapped the inside

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Hopes for Passage of Three Bills at Special Session.

Mayor Mitchell will urge the Legislature to pass in the special session three bills which he considers essential to the plans of his administration.

The bills will provide for departments of administration and of purchase and supply and would give the city the right to reduce its own garbage. It is believed that the passage of the garbage disposal bill would save the city an annual revenue of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 a year. The income from the private companies which now have the contracts is \$65,000 a year.

Chamberlain Bruere thinks a department of purchase and supply would save the city between \$2,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The department of administration would absorb the Commissioner of Accounts' office and would investigate waste in other departments.

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Federal Judge Quits; Pay Too Small.

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